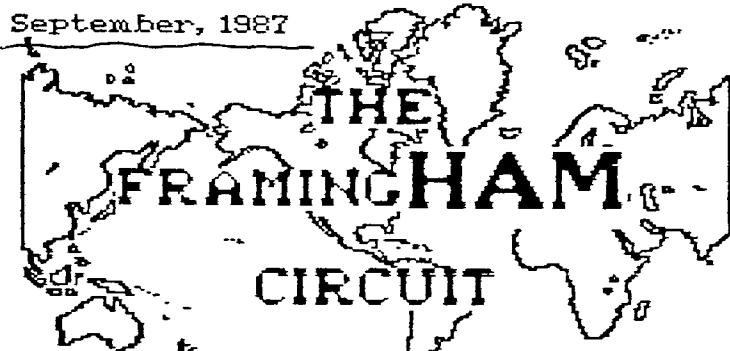


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Meetings

The Club Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm at the Danforth Museum rear entrance on Lexington St., Framingham, Ma.

NEXT MEETING OCT. 1, 1987

Our Officers

President:	Burt Shaffer, N1DDO	872-0534
Vice-Pres:	Don Morse, KA1MLM	881-4188
Treasurer:	Dick Marshall, WA1KUG	877-0563
Secretary:	Marc Stern, N1BLH	Club Box
Activities:	Margie Stern, KA1HIA	Club Box
Director-at-Large:	Lew Nyman, K1AZE	879-7456

The President's Message

The 1987-1988 season is here and I hope your summer was all you wished it to be. With the new year beginning, there are many exciting activities and club projects for your participation.

The semi-annual FLEA MARKET, Oct. 25, will once again mark the highlight of the fall season. Lew, K1AZE, as Chairman needs your help in order to make this once again the big success it always is for our scholarship fund. Please get in touch with LEW! At the last meeting there was an enthusiastic discussion regarding a club project to acquire a vehicle that would be converted to an emergency communication wagon. This project I believe would stimulate new interest among our brother and sister members, give more visibility for our hobby, and provide a useful

service for our community. The sample vote taken at the meeting showed overwhelming support for this project. There were many suggestions regarding fund raising, such as raffles and auctions. These issues will be raised at the next Board Meeting.

73, Burt Shaffer, N1DDO

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER, 1987 MEETING OF THE FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSN. INC.

Submitted by Marc Stern, N1BLH

The September meeting of the Framingham Amateur Radio Assn. opened at 7:37 p.m. with Burt Shaffer, N1DDO, president in the chair.

After member introductions, the first order of business was the reading of the June minutes, which were accepted on voice vote, and then the treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Burt then opened the first business session of the year. The topic of discussion turned to the flea market. Burt noted that Lew Nyman, K1AZE, chairman of the event, had asked that an early signup be called for so the size of the crew could be gauged. Burt then spoke about the Flea Market and what it supports and some discussion ensued. A signup sheet was passed around. It will again be passed around in October. The Flea Market is Oct. 25.

Burt also noted that FARA has been called upon to assist with the Amateur Radio weekend at the Museum of Science, Sept. 26 and 27. Lew, formerly ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator, has been asked by the committee running the event to run the HF station. Because of this Burt asked for volunteers to help Lew out. Another signup sheet was passed around and a number of volunteers signed on.

Moving to a new item, Burt noted that the club may want to give thought to an Amateur Radio Emergency vehicle, a resource which

we lack. He thought it would be a good way to generate some interest and support both from club members and the community. A spirited discussion then ensued about the need and merits of such a vehicle. The consensus was that the matter be studied as to the merits, cost and liability and that a report be given to the club.

Burt had an interesting idea about rebuilding the club treasury, periodic in-club auctions, where members would bring in equipment and other things for consignment and members would bid on it. The member would get the profits and the club would get a percentage for the treasury. An alternative suggestion was that members bring in small items, with the items auctioned off for a dollar or two. During the discussion, several members suggested a raffle. The matter was left for further discussion.

Jon Weiner, K1UUC, Flea Market committee member, suggested that an "early bird" fee for those who want to get a chance to get in and see the items at the Flea Market early.

In other business:

* Ted Gruber, WB1EUE, has volunteered to take over the newsletter as editor.

* Classes were delayed until Oct. 10 so that they can be advertised at the Amateur Radio weekend at the Science Museum. Registration will be held weekly at the club station until then. Ed Weiss, W1NXC, is chairman.

* Burt noted that we can use a library classroom for Saturday morning classes for a nominal fee. It will save us many headaches.

* The club approved the donation of Amateur Radio educational materials to the library. An appropriation of \$30 was made so the library can place a set of ARRL publications and educational literature on the bookshelves.

* The club was notified by letter that we have been renewed as a special service club.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16. Marc Stern, N1BLH, Secretary, District Emergency Coordinator for Weather Services -- ARRL, discussed the club's role in public service work and some upcoming events. A social hour

followed.

73, Marc Stern, Secretary

HR ARRL BULLETIN NR 71 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CT SEPTEMBER 8, 1987 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

ARRL HQ wishes to acknowledge and express appreciation to the many radio amateurs actively providing communications support during the recent widespread California forest fires. Numerous reports of fire related amateur radio networks being established in the San Joaquin Valley, San Francisco and Sacramento

ARRL sections have been received have been received at ARRL HQ, with frequent mention of amateurs in the Santa Clara Valley and East Bay sections also providing support to the afflicted areas. ARRL HQ is particularly interested in learning of instances when the 220 Mhz band has been utilized to provide communications assistance to fire fighters, disaster relief officials and the general public during these recent fires. Please contact Luck Hurder, KY1T, at ARRL HQ with such information ASAP AR

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The ARRL code proficiency qualifying run scheduled for September 20 will be sent at 1300 UTC on September 21. This is at 9 am EDT on Monday, September 21 AR

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It is my pleasure to serve the Framingham Amateur Radio Assoc. as your new newsletter editor. I must say to you that this is a job that is new to me. I will do my very best to put out a good product. I can only do it with your help. Afterall it is your newsletter. If you wish to have anything at all printed I cannot do it if you do not send the copy to me!

We will accept announcements of any kind from you. From the births of your children and grandchildren to graduations and marriages. If you have items you wish to sell or buy let me have the information. If you have the latest ARRL Bulletin and want it printed it will be done.

We will be happy to print your new call sign so that everyone will recognize you on our repeater. We will congratulate you on your new license or on that recent upgrade.

Here is the vital information that you have been waiting for: All submissions for the monthly newsletter must be received by me no later than the 15th of the month.

Send to: WB1ECE
Theodore Gruber
11 Eliot Circle
Ashland, Mass.
01721-2416

or Call: 881-3788 and leave a short message on 1a machine.

FCC Leaves Custom House!

The FCC has vacated the offices it has occupied at the Boston Custom House since 1913! Their new address is: NFPA Building, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Ma. 02169. Telephones: (recording) 617- 770-3922 or 770-4023. Office of the director 770-4325. Office hours are 8am to 4pm.

Museum of Science Ham Exhibit

You probably all have heard about the two previous ham exhibits at the Science Museum and that they were a lot of fun. It is being sponsored again by the Council of Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Clubs and is scheduled for September 26 and 27, 1987. They are looking for volunteers particularly teen agers and novices. All operation will be as Special Events station KA1SM.

For hams under 18, the museum will offer a free ticket to their new Omni Theater (usually \$7.50). Your help in encouraging any volunteers will be of great benefit. For more information on how you can help call Lew Nyman K1AZE 879-7456.

Novice Classes

This year as in the past the Framingham Amateur Radio Association will be offering a Novice Class. However there will be a new location for them. Registration will be at 9am, on Oct. 3, at the club station on Lexington St. in Framingham. Entrance is at the rear entrance to the Danforth Museum. The first class will be on Oct. 10th.

There will be a fee for course materials. Again our legion of instructors will be led by Ed Weiss, W1HXC. If you would like to obtain further information give Ed a call, 881-2301 or contact him through the club P.O. Box.

Picnic Report

For the second year in a row our club held its annual summer picnic outing at The Breezy Picnic Grounds and Waterslides in Douglas, Mass. on August 2, 1987. We had good weather this year and an excellent turnout. There were at least 60 people there including the kids which was great. Everyone had a terrific time, including myself. The Franklin Catering Co. was on time and did an excellent job cooking and serving the food. I was very pleased to see so many new faces that I had not met before as well as the old timers. Hope to see you all there again next year!!!

Thanks for supporting the event!!!
Chairman, Ted Gruber.

Guest Speaker

Our speaker for the October meeting on the First will be Tom Rinoldo, Deputy Fire Chief of the Town of Framingham. He will be at our meeting to discuss "The New Town Radio System". He will also discuss how we as Radio Amateurs fit into the towns communications picture!!!